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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT &amp; TRADEMARK OFFICE

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SERIAL NO. : 09/284,858      ART UNIT : 1617  
FILED : APRIL 21, 1999      PAPER NO. : 7  
FOR : SOLID PHARMACEUTICAL DOSAGE FORMS IN FORM OF A  
PARTICULATE DISPERSION

## AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL

April 9, 2001

BOX AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 9, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1 (twice amended). A solid particulate pharmaceutical dosage form suitable for oral delivery comprising a sparingly water-soluble pharmaceutical agent in crystalline particulate form, wherein said particulate is at least partially coated with a solidified matrix consisting of a water-soluble polymer having a melting temperature less than that of the pharmaceutical agent.

## REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-captioned application in light of the foregoing amendment and the following remarks is respectfully requested.